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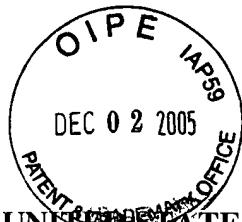
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Attached herein is a legible Replacement Sheet for Page 1 of the Specification, as well as a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (along with one page attachment).

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BY MEANS OF A TRANSFORMER WITH FOUR
WINDINGS, AND A CORRESPONDING METHOD

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Field of the invention

The present invention relates to a device for
10 at least two discharge lamps. Moreover, invention relates to a corresponding operating two discharge lamps. In part present invention relates to electronic which such a device is integrated. Operating
15 lamps comprises in this case both their starting and their being alight.



Background of the invention

20 It is known to operate two discharge lamps with two load circuits. In this case, the term load circuit refers to the load of a bridge that is used as an inverter to operate a discharge lamp. Each load circuit has a dedicated preheating arrangement for the
25 respective lamp. Furthermore, according to the internal prior art, it is possible to operate two lamps in one load circuit. Here, the primary coil of a heating transformer of a series circuit of two lamps is connected in parallel and the secondary coil of the heating transformer is connected between the two lamps.
30 Furthermore, it is possible to heat all the filaments of the lamps by transformer via secondary windings, the primary winding being situated in a section of the bridge suitable for the application.

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It is relatively complicated to implement the load circuits in terms of circuitry, since electronic control circuits with relay or transistor switches are required for a defined, sequential starting and